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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for an additional two months extension of time for further responding to the June 5, 2002 Final Rejection, the time for response having been extended for one month by the September 27, 2002 Petition for Extension of Time. This extension of time up to and including December 5, 2002 permits Applicant to timely file the attached Notice of Appeal.

Authorization to charge the additional fee of \$405 (\$460-\$55) for a three-month extension of time for a small entity, and/or any additional fees associated with this Petition For Extension of Time is granted in the attached Fee Transmittal.

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Please charge or credit our Account No. 03-0075 as necessary to effect entry and/or ensure consideration of this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

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